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Memorandum of Conversation

Paris
DATE: May 1, 1959

SUBJECT:

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Bruce
Mr. Merchant

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I discussed with Ambassador Bruce the matter of our time-stamping movement documents and giving copies to checkpoint personnel if Soviets turn over to DDR. I asked him to consider as instruction our request that the Embassy in Bonn make a real effort to secure tripartite agreement to this procedure after carefully staffing it out for both autobahn and rail travel. I said if tripartite agreement was found impossible on this matter in the Bonn group he should promptly inform Department with supporting staff work so that governmental decision could be obtained in Under Secretary Murphy's tripartite group.

He readily agreed to do so and commented that he anticipated no difficulty in securing Ambassador Steele's approval for the British.

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